

SENATE BILL 2510
By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 9, Part 1, relative to licensure and training of osteopathic physicians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-9-104, is amended by adding the following language as new subdivisions (1) and (2) to the end of the current language in subsection (c):

(1) It is the responsibility of the program director or the dean responsible for the training program to apply to the board of osteopathic examination for an exemption for each such medical intern, resident or clinical fellow. It is the responsibility of such program director or dean to notify the board of the termination of an applicant's participation in the training program, whether by completion of the program or for any other reason.

(2) The board of osteopathic examination may impose a fee to accompany each application for exemption.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-9-104, is amended by adding the following language as new subsections (d) and (e):

(d) The board is authorized in its discretion to issue special training licenses to osteopathic medical interns, residents and fellows who have met all other qualifications for licensure contained in this chapter and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, with the exception of having completed the necessary residency or training programs required by subdivision (a)(4) and properly promulgated rules, and the

licensure examination. The board also is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to implement this new licensure category. The initial set of these rules may be processed as public necessity rules pursuant to §4-5-209. These special training licenses will be governed by the following:

Such licenses shall be issued only to osteopathic medical interns, residents, and fellows while participating in a training program of one of the accredited medical schools or of one of such medical school's affiliated teaching hospitals in Tennessee, performing duties assigned to meet the requirements of such program, and while under the supervision and control of a physician, either doctor of osteopathic medicine, or doctor of medicine fully licensed to practice medicine in Tennessee;

(1) No person holding a special training license is permitted to practice osteopathic medicine outside of such person's duties and responsibilities in the training program without being fully licensed to practice medicine in Tennessee. Termination of participation in the training program for which the special license was issued for any reason terminates that license;

(2) It is the responsibility of the program director or the dean responsible for the training program to submit the necessary information and applications on behalf of each applicant. It also is the responsibility of the program director or the dean to notify the board of the termination of the applicant's participation in the training program, whether by completion of the program or for any other reason;

(3) The board may impose fees to accompany each individual application for a special training license; and

(4) Recipients of the special license shall not be subject to the occupational tax levied by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-1702(4)(G);

(e) The board also has the authority to issue locum tenens and/or conditional licenses as it deems appropriate after reviewing the qualifications of applicants. In addition to the authority granted the board in §63-9-111, the board has the authority to issue restricted licenses to current applicants or current licensees or both as it deems necessary, pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.